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Dear Mr Nelson,

I have just received a copy of the book "Information Retrieval - A Critical View" and am quite fascinated by your paper "Getting It Out Of Our System".

I would like to ask two things of you.

First, if you should have a visit taking you through London I would very much appreciate your letting me know and I would be very glad indeed to meet you.

Second, can you please tell me more about your reference on Page 201. I re-read the Vannevar Bush article very recently, and was most interested in your citing it. I became a reader of Atlantic Monthly after giving the banquet address at the Harvard Computer Conference in 1949, when I was chaired by Edward J. Weekes Jnr, the then editor (perhaps he still is). That article struck me as most prophetic at the time, and I have remembered it ever since. What is new to me is your allusion to the Oz books. I do not know these books and I am eager to hear more about this citation.

I did not know the Times Lit. Supp. reference of 4 May 1962, but will follow this up and may find out who was the author.

I have interrupted reading your paper at Page 201 to dictate this, and will now resume.

I hope to meet you,

Yours sincerely,

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This is yours. Best.

Mary Anne